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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairperson of the Committee on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) (2015-16) having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this Fifth Report on the 'Proposals for New Provisions in MPLAD Scheme Guidelines'.

2. The Committee considered the following proposals for incorporating new provisions in the MPLAD Scheme Guidelines at their sitting held on 25.08.2015:-

(i) Proposal to permit electricity generator for hospitals, primary health centres, schools, colleges, libraries, etc.:

(ii) Proposal for purchase of hearing aids out of MPLADS funds;

(iii) Proposal to permit repair and maintenance of toilets in Educational Institutions.

The observations/recommendations made in this Report are based on the decisions taken by the Committee at the aforesaid sitting.

3. The Committee considered and adopted the draft Report at the sitting held on 13 June, 2016.

4. The Committee would like to express their thanks to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for the information furnished by them to the Committee.

5. For the facility of reference, the observations/recommendations of the Committee have been printed in bold letters in the body of the Report.

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22 July, 2016
31 Ashadha, 1938(Saka)

Dr. M. Thambi Durai
Chairperson
Committee on Members of Parliament
Local Area Development Scheme,
Lok Sabha

REPORT

Introduction

1.1 In order to empower the Members of Parliament to recommend developmental works to fulfill the aspirations of the people of their constituencies, Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme was launched on 23 December, 1993 by the Government of India. The scheme aims at creation of durable community assets as per the locally felt needs of the people of a Constituency.

1.2 This is a plan scheme fully funded by the Government of India. The annual MPLADS fund entitlement of a Lok Sabha Constituency is Rs.5 crore. Funds are directly released to the District Authority by the Ministry of Statistics and Progrmme Implementation which is the nodal Ministry responsible for implementation of the Scheme. Members of Parliament recommend the works to the District Authority who is responsible for their execution in accordance with the provisions contained in the MPLAD Scheme guidelines issued by the Ministry of Statistics and Progrmme Implementation.

1.3 As per the guidelines, all works to meet the locally felt infrastructure and development needs, with an emphasis on creation of durable assets in the constituency are permissible under the scheme except those prohibited under the scheme as per Annexure – II of the guidelines **(Appendix – I)**. Movable items are not permissible under the scheme. However, a few specified items of non-durable nature are permitted which are given in Annexure-II A **(Appendix–II)** of the MPLAD Scheme guidelines.

1.4 The Committee has received proposals for provisions in the MPLAD Scheme Guidelines to permit the following items under Annexure II and II A:-

(i) Proposal to permit electricity generator for hospitals, primary health centres, schools, colleges, libraries, etc.;

(ii) Proposal for purchase of hearing aids out of MPLADS funds;

(iii) Proposal to permit repair and maintenance of toilets in Educational Institutions.

1.5 The Committee's examination of the above proposals are dealt with in three parts of this Report.

Part –I

Proposal for a provision in the MPLADS Guidelines to permit electricity generator for Hospitals, Primary Health Centres, Schools, Colleges, Libraries, etc.

2.1 The Committee on MPLADS, Lok Sabha visited Lucknow from 09 to 10 July, 2015 for an on-the-spot assessment of the implementation of MPLAD Scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh. During the visit, His Excellency, Shri Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh addressed a letter **(Appendix –III)** to the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on MPLADS , Lok Sabha. In his letter, he had stated that the MPLADS funds are allowed for construction of hospital and for giving ambulance. However, generator is not permissible even though it is essential for a hospital during electricity shut down. In this regard, he quoted example of Palghar district in Maharashtra which is a tribal district where electricity is not available round the clock. He had, therefore, suggested that the committee may examine the matter and recommend inclusion of electricity generators for hospitals, primary health centres, schools, colleges, libraries etc. under the MPLAD Scheme.

2.2 Projects of movable items are prohibited under the Scheme. However, as per the provision in para 6 of the Annexure-IIA of the MPLADS Guidelines,**(Appendix–II)** equipments meant for hospitals, educational institutions, sports, drinking water and sanitation purposes belonging to central, State, UT or Local Self Governments are permissible under the scheme.

2.3 It has further been stated in para 6.1 of Annexure – IIA of the guidelines, "Whenever a Member of Parliament recommends a new proposal for capital works for construction of Government Hospitals and

Educational Institutions, he may recommend purchase of movable items (like furniture, equipment and not consumables). The proposal should essentially be for capital works and the allied expenditure on movable items (furniture, equipment etc.) should not be more than 10% of the total cost. Recommendations for purchase of movable items such as furniture, equipment etc., cannot be made for the existing Government Hospital and Educational Institutions, except for primary and secondary schools belonging to Central / State / UT Government and Local Bodies and to Government – aided schools."

2.4 Perusal of the above provisions shows that there is no specific provision for installation of electricity generators in hospitals, primary health centres, educational institutions, libraries, etc. Hence, the proposal was placed before the committee in the form of a Memorandum (No. 11/2014-15) for their consideration during sitting of the Committee held on 25.08.2015. The recommendation of the Committee is given in the following paragraph:-

Observation/Recommendation of the Committee

2.5 The Committee note that the equipments meant for hospitals and educational institutions belonging to Central, State, Union Territories or Local Self Governments are permissible under the MPLAD Scheme. However, the same are not permissible for the existing Government Hospital and educational institutions, except for primary and secondary schools belonging to Central/State/UT Government – aided schools. Equipments can only be installed in new Government hospitals and educational

institutions with a cost ceiling of 10% of the total cost of the entire project. While noting the suggestion of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, the Committee are of the view that electricity generators are essential for Government hospitals and Primary Health Centres as electricity shut downs may interrupt their functions particularly life saving activities including timely action on trauma cases. Equipment being a broad term may lead to wrong interpretations when any recommendation for installation of electricity generators is made by an MP and as such it is necessary that a specific provision be made for permitting electricity generators under the scheme for Government hospitals and Primary Health Centres. Moreover, it is particularly imperative that the existing hospitals and primary health centres are also qualify for electricity generators. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the electricity generators should be permitted under the scheme for both the new and existing hospitals and primary health centres belonging to Central/State/Union Territory Governments and local bodies. Since the electricity generator is an essential equipment for hospitals and Primary Health Centres, the suitable cost ceiling may be worked out for it separately.

Proposal for a provision in the MPLADS Guidelines for purchase of hearing aids out of MPLADS funds.

3.1 A provision has been made by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in para 3.28 of the MPLAD guidelines on utilization of MPLADS funds for the welfare of the differently abled persons. As per this provision, "MPs may recommend upto a maximum of Rs.10 lakhs per year or the consolidated entitled amount of their balance tenure, effective from the financial year 2011-12, at any time from their MPLADS fund for giving assistance to the physically challenged. Such assistance will be given only for the purchase of tricycles (manual/battery operated/motorized), motorized battery operated wheelchair and artificial limbs for differently abled deserving persons. Grant of artificial limb, etc. can be given only by one Hon'ble MP to one person and that other Hon'ble MPs cannot then add further grants to the same person".

3.2 Shri Virender Kashyap, MP (LS) and a member of Committee on MPLADS (Lok Sabha) vide his letter dated 25 April, 2015 **(Appendix – IV)** addressed to the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee on MPLADS, Lok Sabha had stated that the Government is providing assistance to the differently abled people so that they could manage their livelihood without depending on others. During his visits to the Parliamentary Constituency many differently abled persons including those who are hard of hearing approach him for assistance from MPLADS Funds. The member had, therefore, requested for introducing a provision in the MPLADS Guidelines for providing Hearing Aids.

3.3 The suggestion made by the Member was forwarded to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for their comments.

The Ministry furnished their comments vide their OM No. 42/Misc./2013-MPLADS(part – II) dated 29 May, 2015 **(Appendix – V)**. Thurst of the comments are as follows:-

"An in – principle decision has been taken in the Ministry that movable and non-durable assets should be allowed / considered under the MPLADS if and only if:

(a) they are self-evidently for general public good and in public interest; and
(b) they are accountable, that is, it is administratively feasible to account for those assets and to fix responsibility in instances of misuse, malfeasance, etc.

The wheel chairs and artificial limbs for differently – abled persons are in public interest and accountable. Ensuring accountability and responsibility in the case of hearing aids will be difficult. As such, they may not be permitted under the MPLADS."

3.4 The suggestion made by the Member and the comments of the Ministry thereto were placed before the committee in the form of a Memorandum (No. 10/2014-15) for their consideration during sitting of the Committee held on 25.08.2015. The Committee discussed the matter and the recommendation of the Committee in the matter is given in next paragraph.

Observation/Recommendation of the Committee

3.5 The Committee note that presently Rs.10 lakh in a year or the consolidated entitled amount during any time in the tenure of an MP is permitted under the scheme for assistance to the differently abled persons. However, the assistance is restricted to manual/battery operated/motorized tricycles, motorized/battery operated wheel chair and artificial limbs. Hearing aid which is essential for the persons hard of hearing is not permitted under the scheme. The Committee felt that the reason adduced by the Ministry that it will be difficult to ensure accountability and responsibility in the case of hearing aids is not a valid one and the same is not acceptable to the Committee and when accountability can be ensured for artificial limbs, it may not be difficult for hearing aids. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Ministry should explore ways and means to provide hearing aids to the persons hard of hearing and make a provision for the same in the MPLADS guidelines as in the case of tricycles, wheel chairs and artificial limbs which are being provided to physically challenged persons under the scheme.

PART - III

Proposal for a provision in the MPLADS Guidelines to permit repair and maintenance of toilets in Educational Institutions

4.1 The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation vide their letter dated 24 April, 2015 **(Appendix-VI)** have forwarded a proposal received from Shri Vijay Sampla, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment to permit repair and maintenance of toilets in Educational Institutions under the MPLAD Scheme and have sought the views of the Committee on MPLADS, Lok Sabha.

4.2 Shri Sampla in his letter **(Appendix VII)** had stated that a provision has been made to construct toilets in all schools for girls under 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan' and 'Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan'. Construction of toilets costs approximately Rs.2 Lakh and therefore, an amount of Rs.2 Crore is required for 100 such toilets. During inspection of schools in his constituency, he had found that toilets have already been constructed in most of the girls schools but due to improper maintenance of these toilets, girls are not able to use them. If these toilets could be repaired, they can be made useful at a low cost.

4.3 He had further stated that MPLAD Scheme provides for construction of new toilets, but the funds of the scheme cannot be used for the repairs. The Minister had, therefore, requested to consider this matter as a special case and grant permission to provide requisite funds from MPLAD Scheme so that the unused toilets can be made useful.

4.4 As per item no.5 of the List of works prohibited under the scheme (**Appendix – I)** repair and renovation is a prohibited item. Moreover, para 3.6 of the guidelines states, “the District Authority should get in advance a firm commitment about the operation, upkeep

and maintenance of the proposed asset from User Agency concerned before the execution of the work is sanctioned".

4.5 The Ministry in their letter forwarding the proposal of Shri Sampla had informed the Committee that the essential objective of the MPLAD Scheme is creation of durable community assets as mentioned in para 1.3 of the MPLADS Guidelines. The Ministry admitted that repair and maintenance of toilets in educational institutions is a critical requirement in the field. However, renovation and repair works are prohibited under the Scheme. In this regard, they had informed that a decision was taken by the Ministry that movable and non-durable assets should be considered if and only if; they are accountable, that is, it is administratively feasible to account for those assets and to fix responsibility in instances of misuse, malfeasance, etc. In this case, the Ministry are of the opinion that it will be difficult to inculcate accountability and responsibility in cases of repair and renovation.

4.6 Eventhough the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation had admitted that the requirement of repair and maintenance of toilets in educational institutions is genuine and justified, they have stated that it may have to be met from other sources and not from MPLAD Scheme. However, the Ministry requested that the matter may be placed before the Committee on MPLADS, Lok Sabha for their views/recommendations on the issue.

4.7 The matter was placed before the Committee in the form of a Memorandum (No. 9/2014-15) for their consideration during sitting of the Committee held on 25.08.2015. The recommendation of the Committee is as given in the succeeding paragraph.

Observation/Recommendation of the Committee

4.8 The Committee note that the proposal for a special provision to permit MPLADS funds for repair of toilets in the schools which are not in usable condition. Repair and renovation is a prohibited item under the MPLAD Scheme. Moreover, as per a provision in the MPLAD Scheme guidelines, upkeep and maintenance of an asset created under the Scheme is the responsibility of the user agency. In case of school toilets constructed with the funds provided by the Union Government/State Government/Local bodies under other schemes, it is the responsibility of the Government/Local body/user agencies concerned to repair and maintain the toilets properly. Granting any special permission for repair of school toilets may lead to more such demands for repair and renovation of other assets created under the scheme. The Committee, therefore, recommend that repair and renovation may remain as a prohibited item for all purposes.

New Delhi:
22 July, 2016
31 Ashadha, 1938 (Saka)

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Chairperson
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ment Local Area Development
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Lok Sabha

ANNEXURE - II of MPLADS Guidelines

LIST OF WORKS PROHIBITED UNDER MPLADS

1. Office and residential buildings belonging to Central, and State Governments, their Departments, Government Agencies/ Organizations and Public Sector Undertakings. However, construction of Railway Halt Station, subject to provision of para 3.35 and 3.35.1 will be permissible.

2. Office and residential buildings, and other works belonging to private, cooperative and commercial organizations.

3. All works involving commercial establishments/units.

4. All maintenance works of any type. However, re-boring of hand pumps,subject to provision of para 3.32 will be permissible.

5. All renovation, and repair works. (However, works of retrofitting of essential lifeline buildings, viz Govt. hospitals, Govt. Schools and public buildings to be used as shelters in an emergency and heritage and archeological monuments and buildings with specific permission available from the Archeological Survey of India will be permitted under MPLADS)."

6. Grants and loans, contribution to any Central and State/UT Relief Funds.

7. Naming of assets after any person**.**

8. Project of movable items except as those provided in Annexure-IIA.

9. Acquisition of land or any compensation for land acquired.

10. Reimbursement of any type of completed or partly completed works or items.

11. Assets for individual/family benefits.(However, as per para 3.28 and 3.28.1 of the guidelines, tri-cycle (including motorised, artificial limbs and battery operated motorized wheelchair to differently abled deserving persons are permitted). MPs may also provide MPLADS funds to Centrally Sponsored Schemes providing assets for individually family use, with the proviso that the M.P. will not add or change the priority list or any of the criteria for selection declared in the centrally sponsored scheme. He may not nominate specific individuals as beneficiaries, but can nominate the geographical area where these MPLADS funds would be spent.

12. All revenue and recurring expenditure.

13. Works within the places of religious worship and on land belonging to or owned by religious faith/group.

14. Works within the places of religious worship and on land belonging to or owned by religious faith/group. (However, construction f crematoriums and structures on burial/cremation grounds irrespective of religious faith can be taken up under the MPLADS regardless of the location being adjacent to or falling within the area under the places of religious worship).
15. Construction of Swagat Dwars.

16. Execution of works in unauthorized colonies.

Appendix - II

Excerpts of Annexure II-A of MPLADS Guidelines

List of (i) special items of works and (ii) works of non durable nature permissible under the MPLADS Guidelines

1. Convergence of Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLADS) with MGNAREGA (Para 3.17.1 of the guidelines).

2. Convergence of Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLADS) with Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) and Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. (para 3.17.2 of the guidelines).

3. Utilisation of MPLADS Fund for welfare of the differently abled persons (para 3.28 of the guidelines) : MPs may recommend upto a maximum of Rs.10 lakhs per year OR the consolidated entitled amount of their balance tenure, effective from the financial year 2011-12, at any time from their MPLADS fund for giving assistance to the physically challenged. Such assistance will be given only for the purchase of tricycles (manual/battery operated), motorized/battery operated wheelchair and artificial limbs for differently abled deserving persons. All applications for such assistance shall be examined and approved by a Committee under the Chief Medical Officer of the District to ensure proper eligibility. The District Authority will be fully involved in the selection of such eligible persons. The Committee will also certify the reasonability of the rate. No recurring expenses will be admissible .No cash grant will be permissible, but the item would be obtained and given to the deserving differently abled person in a public function.

4. Purchase of computers (para 3.30 of the guidelines).

5. Purchase of Mobile Library for Educational Institute belonging to Central, State, UTs and Local Self-Government.

6. Purchase of vehicles, including school buses/vans, earth movers, and equipments meant for hospitals, educational, sports drinking water and sanitation purposes belonging to Central, State, UT and Local Self Governments.

6.1 Whenever a Member of Parliament recommends a new proposal for capital works for construction of Government Hospitals and Educational Institutions, he may recommend purchase of movable items (like furniture, equipment and not consumables). The proposal should essentially be for capital works and the allied expenditure on movable items (furniture, equipment etc.) should not be more than 10% of the total cost. Recommendations for purchase of movable items such as furniture, equipment etc., cannot be made for the existing Government Hospital and Educational Institutions, except for primary and secondary schools belonging to central/State/UT Government and Local Bodies and to Government-aided schools."

7. Works of retrofitting of essential lifeline buildings, viz. Government, Hospitals Govt. School, Public Buildings to be used as shelters in an emergency and heritage and archeological monuments and buildings with specific permission available from the Archeological Survey of India.

8. Utilisation of MPLADS funds to Centrally Sponsored Scheme providing assets individual or family use with the proviso that the MP will not add or change any of criteria for selection declared in the centrally sponsored scheme.

9. Creation of a Facilitation Centre at each District (para 3.34 of the guidelines).

10. Ambulances/Hearse Vans (para 3.25 of the guidelines).

10.1. Purchase of Ambulances for sick/injured animals in Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks Vehicles to Transport Animals (para 3.25 of the guidelines).

11. Purchase of books for schools, colleges and public library (para 3.29 of the guidelines).

12. New borings in place of hand pumps installed under MPLAD Scheme (para 3.32 of the guidelines).

13. Construction of Railway Halt Station (para 3.35 of the guidelines).

14. Assistance to Bar Associations (para 3.38 of the guidelines).

14.1 Assistance to Bar Association Library for purchase of books (para 3.38 of the guidelines).

15. Provision of Solar light.

16. Installation of firmly fixed waiting chairs/benches for passengers at railway stations:

Appendix-III

Ram Naik
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9th July, 2015

Dear Dr. Thambidurai ji,

I am indeed happy to welcome your in the Raj Bhavan, Lucknow as the Chirman of the MPLADS Committee, also other Members of Parliament and officials of the Parliament Secretariat.

I do hope that your visit to Lucknow and in particular the MPLADS projects will give the committee an insight view of functioning of the scheme.

You would be aware that the MPLADS schme has been my brain child as I have initiated the process of the government agreeing to it for the benefit of the members. I am enclosing a chapter from my book 'LOKSABHA MAIN RAM NAIK' pertaining to 'Sansad Kosh'. This would help new members to know the efforts which went behind the approval of the scheme by the Government.

Incidentally, I have come across recently a problem in Palghar, Distt. Palghar (Maharashtra) which was part of my North Mumbai Lok Sabha Constituency which I represented five times. The issue is that we can use MPLADS funds for the construction of hospital, for giving the ambulance but it can not be used for sanctioning a generator which is a basic need of any hospital, when the electricity fails. Palghar is a tribal district and electricity is not available round the clock. I hope the committee would examine the issue and recommend inclusion of generator for hospitals, primary health centers, schools, colleges, libraries, etc.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(RAM NAIK)

Dr. M. Thambidurai,
Dy. Speaker, Lok Sabha,
Chairman, MPLADS Committee,
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VIRENDER KASHYAP
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Appendix – IV

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To

The Chairman
Lok Sabha Committee on MPLAD Fund Scheme
Parliament House Annexe
New Delhi

Sub: Regarding purchase of Hearing Aids to the handicapped person

Respected Sir,

I am to bring to your kind notice that the handicapped persons for whom the Government is providing many helping schemes so that they could manage their livelihood and not dependant on others. During our visits to the Parliamentary Constituency many handicapped persons come to meet us for help from MPLAD Fund such as those who are hard of hearing. In this regard, I would like to request you to kindly introduce this type of financial aid in the list of MPLAD Schemes so that such handicapped persons be provided help accordingly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Virender Kashyap)
25/4/2015

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Appendix-V

Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme

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C-42/Misc./2013-MPLADS (Part-II)

Dated 29.05.2015

To

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Deputy Secretary,
Lok Sabha Secretariat
Parliament House Annexe,
New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Purchase of hearing aids out of MPLADS funds.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. 9/8/MPLADSC/2015 dated 05.05.2015 on the subject mentioned above and to say that para 3.28 of the Guidelines on MPLADS provides that MPs may recommend upto a maximum of Rs. 10 lakhs per year from their MPLADS funds for giving assistance to the physically challenged. Such assistance will be given only for purchase of tricycles (manual/battery operated / motorized), motorized / battery operated wheelchairs and artificial limbs for differently - abled deserving persons.

2. An in - principle decision has been taken in the Ministry that movable and non-durable assets should be allowed / considered under the MPLADS if and only if:

(a) they are self-evidently for general public good and in public interest and

(b) they are accountable, that is, it is administratively feasible to account for those assets and to fix responsibility in instances of misuse, malfeasance, etc.

3. The wheel chairs and artificial limbs for differently - abled persons are in public interest and accountable.

4. Ensuring accountability and responsibility in the case of hearing aids will be difficult. As such, they may not be permitted under the MPLADS.

5. This issues with the approval of Secretary, MoSPI.

Yours faithfully

(Tapan Mitra)
Director (MPLADS)

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Appendix-VI

Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme

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File No. C-16/2014-MPLADS-I

Dated .....24.04.2015.....

To

Ms. Mamta Kemwal,
Additional Director,
Lok Sabha Secretariat
Parliament House,
New Delhi

Subject: Repair and maintenance of toilets in educational institutions under MPLADS.

Madam,

Shri Vijay Sampla, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment vide his d.o. letter dated 04.03.2015 (copy enclosed) has requested to permit repair and maintenance of toilets in Educational Institutions under the MPLADS.

2. It may be mentioned that the essential objective of the MPLADS is creation of durable community assets (para 1.3 of the Guidelines). There is no denying that repair and maintenance of toilets in educational institutions is a critical requirement in the field. However, MPLADS is not for repair and maintenance. Item 5 of Annexure-II of the Guidelines on MPLADS, which lists works prohibited under the MPLADS, specifically prohibits renovation and repair works.

3. Here it is relevant that recently a decision was taken that movable and non-durable assets should be considered if and only if: (i) they are self-evidently for general public good and in public interest; and (ii) they are accountable, that is, it is administratively feasible to account for those assets and to fix responsibility in instances of misuse, malfeasance, etc. The same

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principle applies in renovation and repair – it is difficult to inculcate accountability and responsibility.

4. Therefore, while the requirement of repair and maintenance of toilets in educational institutions is genuine and justified, it may have to be met from other sources and not from MPLADS.

5. However, it is requested that this may be placed before the Lok Sabha Committee on MPLADS for their views/recommendations urgently, to facilitate a decision in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Tapan Mitra)
Director (MPLADS)

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4 March, 2015

As you are aware that under Swachha Bharat Abhiyan and Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, a provision has been made to construct toilets in all schools for girls. The construction of toilets costs approximately Rs. 2 lakhs. If 100 toilets are to be constructed then the cost will be approxametely Rs. 2 crores.

On inspection in any constituency, I found that toilets have been constructed in most of the girls schools, but due to improper maintenance of these toilets, girls are not using them. If we repair these toilets, then more toilets can be made useful in low cost. Girls studying in these schools will avail the benefits of toilets immediately.

MPLAD Scheme provides the construction of new toilets, but the funds of that scheme can not be used for their repairs. It is, therefore, requested to take this issue as a special case and grant permission to provide requisite funds from MPLAD Scheme so that these unused toilets can be made useful.

Thanks.

Yours sincerely

(Vijay Sampla)

Shri V.K.Singh,
Hon'ble State Minister of Statistics and
Programme Implementation
Sardar Patel Bhawan,
New Delhi

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COMMITTEE ON MPLAD SCHEME, LOK SABHA (2014-15)

MINUTES OF THE TENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME, LOK SABHA (2014-15) HELD ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 2015.

The Committee sat on Tuesday, the 25 August, 2015 from 1100 hours to 1230 hours in Committee Room 'D', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Dr. M. Thambi Durai - *Chairperson*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Kirti Azad
3. Shri Virender Kashyap
4. Shri Shailesh Kumar
5. Shri Chirag Paswan
6. Shri Mukesh Rajput
7. Shri A.P. Jithender Reddy
8. Shri Y.V. Subba Reddy
9. Shri M.I. Shanavas
10. Shri Satyapal Singh (Sambal)

SECRETARIAT

Shri B. Srinivasa Prabhu	-	Director
Smt. Mamta Kemwal	-	Additional Director
Shri C. Kalyanasundaram	-	Deputy Secretary

2. At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the Members of the Committee to the sitting of the Committee and briefly apprised them about the agenda of the sitting. XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX

3. The Committee then took up three Memoranda on the proposals received by them for amendments in the MPLADS guidelines for consideration. The Committee first considered Memorandum No. 9 on the proposal received from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on the subject "Repair and maintenance of toilets in educational institutions under MPLADS". In this regard, the Committee were of the view that in cases of repair and renovation, it is difficult to fix accountability and responsibility and decided that repair and maintenance may remain as a prohibited item under the MPLADS guidelines.

4. The Committee then considered Memorandum No. 10 on the proposal received from Shri Virender Kashyap, MP on "Provision for purchase of hearing aids out of MPLADS funds". The Committee were of the view in the matter that hearing aid is a must for the persons hard of hearing and decided that the Government should explore ways and means to provide hearing aid to the persons hard of hearing and make a provision for the same in the guidelines as in the case of tricycles provided to physically challenged persons.

5. In regard to Memorandum No. 11 on the proposal received from Shri Ram Naik, His Excellency Governor of Uttar Pradesh on "Allowing generators out of MPLADS Funds", the Committee decided that the generators may be permitted for Government hospitals.

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The Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE ON MPLAD SCHEME, LOK SABHA (2015-16)

MINUTES OF THE SECOND SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME, LOK SABHA (2015-16) HELD ON MONDAY, 13 JUNE, 2016.

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The Committee sat on Monday, 13 June, 2016 from 1100 hours to 1215 hours in Committee Room 'D', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Dr. M. Thambi Durai - *Chairperson*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Dilipkumar Mansukhlal Gandhi
3. Shri Md. Badaruddoza Khan
4. Shri Shailesh Kumar
5. Shri Arjunlal Meena
6. Shri P.C. Mohan
7. Shri Vincent H. Pala
8. Shri Dilip Patel
9. Shri Vijaysinh Shankarrao Mohite Patil
10. Shri Mukesh Rajput
11. Dr. Ravindra Kumar Ray
12. Shri A.P. Jithender Reddy
13. Shri Y.V. Subba Reddy
14. Dr. Kulamani Samal
15. Shri M.I. Shanavas
16. Shri Satyapal Singh (Sambhal)

SECRETARIAT

Shri N.C. Gupta - Joint Secretary

Shri B. Srinivasa Prabhu - Director

Shri C. Kalyanasundaram - Deputy Secretary

2. At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the Members to the Sitting of the Committee. The Committee, then, took up for consideration the draft Report on the following proposals for new provisions in MPLAD Scheme Guidelines;

(i) Proposal from His Excellency, Shri Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh to permit electricity generator for hospitals, Primary Health Centres, Schools, Colleges, Libraries etc. under the MPLADS Guidelines.

(ii) Proposal of Shri Virender Kashyap, MP (LS) for making provision for purchase of hearing aids out of MPLADS funds.

(iii) Proposal of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on repair and maintenance of toilets in educational institutions under MPLAD Scheme.

3. The Chairperson brought to the notice of the Committee that all the above proposals were already considered by the Committee in the Sitting held on 25.08.2015 and the draft Report has been prepared based on the decisions taken by the Committee on the proposals. The Committee unanimously adopted the Report without any amendments.

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The Committee then adjourned.

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